Spring cleanup is this month and the City of Johnston has some helpful tips to ensure your spring cleaning is a successful one!

**Items to be Placed on the Curb**

Think of all the things you would like to get rid of during an intense spring cleaning including:

- Box springs
- Books
- Mattresses
- Chairs
- Televisions
- Appliances
- Dirt or sod
- Printers
- Yard waste
- Windows
- Computer monitors

The city-wide Spring Cleanup Event allows residents to dispose of large household items on their regular trash collection day at no additional charge. **All smaller items must be placed in bags or boxes.**

Please place your items on the curb by **6 a.m. on Monday, April 15 or Tuesday, April 16**, depending upon which day is your designated trash collection day. Collection may last through April 18 due to the volume of the collection.

If you live in an apartment, condo or town home with private trash collection, you may not be a part of the Spring Cleanup Event. Please contact your association or management to find out.

**Items Not Accepted**

Items **not** accepted in the collection include:

- Box springs
- Books
- Mattresses
- Chairs
- Televisions
- Appliances
- Broken glass
- Concrete
- Printers
- Landscape material
- Yard waste
- Logs and limbs
- Windows
- Railroad ties
- Computer monitors
- Railroad ties

Items from small home improvement projects, like a few doors or windows, will be allowed. Windows larger than 2' x 4' and items from large construction or landscape projects including railroad ties will not be picked up.

**Weight Rule:** If two people can reasonably lift an accepted item, then it will be collected. Heavier items including a couch like shown above, will not be collected.

The average Johnston household pays around $6 per year (included in your monthly utility bill) for this Spring Cleanup Event, so take advantage of it!
The City of Johnston is selling trees to residents at the reduced price of $30 per tree. A pre-sale of trees begins on Tuesday, April 9 at 8 a.m. Trees can be purchased at Johnston City Hall, located at 6221 Merle Hay Road. Trees will be available for pickup at Crown Point Community Center, located at 6300 Pioneer Parkway on Saturday, May 4 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Property owners are allowed to purchase one tree and are encouraged to purchase their tree during the April 9 sale, as the supply is limited. Residents who have pre-ordered a tree will be required to show their receipt as proof of payment. Any trees not picked up during the allotted time will be considered a donation to the city’s tree planting program.

**FIVE TREES CHOSEN**

- Accolade Elm
- River Birch
- Columnar White Pine
- Northern Catalpa
- Magnolia Butterfly

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**Earth Day Trash Bash**

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. for the Earth Day Trash Bash! This event is part of a large effort covering 50 project locations throughout Greater Des Moines. Sign up to volunteer to help clean up your community by visiting cityofjohnston.com/spring.

We will pick up trash in places like Lew Clarkson Park, Beaver Creek and Johnston Drive. Join us on April 19!

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**Compost It! Season is Here**

The Metro Waste Authority Compost It! season began April 1 and runs through November 26. This is your opportunity to get rid of yard and garden waste in an environmentally-friendly way. Collection occurs on your normal trash collection day. Compost It! bags and stickers may be purchased at Johnston City Hall and grocery and hardware store locations throughout the metro. If you would like to inquire about purchasing a Compost It! cart, please call the City of Johnston Utility Department at 515-727-7772.
Shred Your Stuff!

Get rid of your old confidential documents in a safe and secure way at Johnston Public Library’s FREE Shred Day.

THE SHREDDER company will be in the Johnston Public Library parking lot, located at 6700 Merle Hay Road on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon for on-site document destruction.

Please limit material to be shredded to 3 boxes or containers per household that need not be returned. No registration is necessary. This event is sponsored by AARP in conjunction with Money Smart Week.

It’s a great way to recycle and prevent identity theft!

Free Tree Branch & Tire Disposal April 18 through 20

Johnston residents can drop off branches, limbs and passenger vehicle tires at the Public Works Facility, located at 6400 NW Beaver Drive, at no cost. Please bring your ID for proof of residency.

Branches cannot be larger than 18 inches in diameter. Tree debris will be turned into mulch.

Tires must be off the rim; limit 4 tires per household.

Tires from businesses are not accepted.

Drop-off Hours:
• Thursday - 8 a.m. until 8 p.m.
• Friday - 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
• Saturday - 8 a.m. to noon

How to Get Rid of Hazardous Waste

To get rid of hazardous waste, Johnston residents have three options. First, we’ve teamed up with Metro Waste Authority for house-side pickup of these items. Using this program ensures these items are disposed of in an environmentally-friendly manner. Please visit cityofjohnston.com/hazardouswaste or Johnston City Hall, located at 6221 Merle Hay Road, to learn more about starting this pickup service at your house.

Second, residents may visit the northwest household hazardous waste drop-off site in Grimes, located at 4105 SE Beisser Drive. They are open by appointment on Tuesday through Thursday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. or the second Saturday of the month (March through December) from 8 a.m. to noon. This location accepts latex paint, and charges $1 per gallon or $5 per five gallon bucket of paint. Please call 515-967-5512 to make an appointment.

Finally, residents may also visit the metro hazardous waste facility located at 1105 Prairie Drive SW in Bondurant during normal business hours. They’re open Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Please call 515-967-5512 for more information on what is accepted.

Hazardous waste materials such as batteries, solvents, paints, railroad ties, concrete, bricks, fertilizer, building materials and appliances are not accepted in the April 15 and 16 Spring Cleanup Event.
Kites on the Green  
Saturday, May 4  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Johnston Commons

Firefighters Pancake Breakfast  
Saturday, May 4  
7 to 11 a.m.  
Station 37  
200 S. James St., Grimes

Mayor’s Bike Ride  
Friday, May 10  
12:00 p.m.  
Johnston Hy-Vee

Farmers Market  
May 21 to October 1  
Every Tuesday  
3:30 to 6:30 p.m.  
City Hall Parking Lot

Neighborhood Picnic  
Tuesday, May 14  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Ray Schleihs Park

Green Days  
June 13-16  
Terra Park

Neighborhood Picnic  
Tuesday, June 18  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Crosshaven Park

Neighborhood Picnic  
Tuesday, July 16  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Adventure Ridge Park

Fishing with a Firefighter  
Saturday, July 20  
9 a.m. to noon  
Terra Park

Sundae in the Park  
Sunday, August 11  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Johnston Commons

Neighborhood Picnic  
Tuesday, August 13  
6 to 8 p.m.  
Dewey Park

Mayor’s Run for the Trails  
Saturday, August 24  
8:00 a.m.  
Terra Park

50th Anniversary Gala  
Join community members and businesses at the Hyperion Field Club, located at 7390 Beaver Drive in Johnston on Friday, September 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m. A celebration featuring a fashion show with clothing from 1969; popular music from 1969; appetizers; speaker presenting an overview of what was happening in Iowa, the nation and the world in 1969; and present video from the events.

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